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Title of Application:	Tunnel-Like Apparatus For Treating Particulate Material
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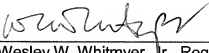
Request for Issue Fee Refund and Small Entity Assertion

Dear Sir or Madam:

1. Enclosed is a request for refund pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28, based on establishment of small entity status.
2. Patentee claims Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.
3. The Issue Fee due December 20, 2006 was paid in the amount of \$1,400.00 on December 18, 2006. Based on establishment of small entity status within 3 months of the payment, we now request a refund in the amount of \$700.00, which is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amount of the Issue Fee previously paid by the Applicant.
3. **Deposit Account.** This is also a request to credit Account No. 19-4516 for this refund.

Respectfully submitted,

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